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I write to urge you to grant the petition filed under docket #98P-0203/CP that would eliminate the practice of forced molting. This barbaric practice, as well as being unconscionably cruel, also makes chickens and their eggs more prone to *Salmonella* infection, and is banned in Britain. A letter-writing campaign has already resulted in several thousand letters being sent to United Egg Producers, the national trade group of the U.S. egg industry, according to the April 5, 1999 issue of Feedstuffs, "the weekly newspaper for agribusiness". I call upon the FDA to do everything in its power to put an end to this disgraceful and dangerous practice.

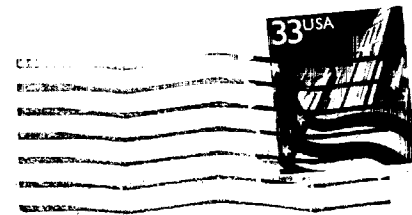
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